

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of the claims in the application:

Listing of the Claims

1-15. Canceled.

16. (original) A film for applying to a rim of a beverage container consisting essentially of a liquid sweetener between 9% and 50%, water between 40% and 60%, a surfactant between 0% and 21%, and a viscosity/texture modifier between 0% and 3%.

17. (original) The film of claim 16 wherein the liquid sweetener is corn syrup between 15% and 50%.

18. (original) The film of claim 16 wherein the surfactant is alcohol between 11% and 21%.

19. (original) The film of claim 16 wherein the liquid sweetener is corn syrup between 9% and 15% and sugar between 0% and 50% dissolved in water between 20% and 51%.

20. (original) The film of claim 16 wherein the film has a viscosity at least 1.5cp.

21. (new) The film of claim 20 wherein the film has a viscosity greater than approximately 100cp.

22. (new) The film of claim 20 wherein the film has a viscosity between approximately 100cp and 3000 cp.

23. (new) The film of claim 16 wherein the liquid sweetener is between about 15 and 50 percent.

24. (new) The film of claim 23 wherein the liquid sweetener is between about 30 and 50 percent.

25. (new) The film of claim 20 wherein the liquid sweetener is about 50 percent.

26. (new) The film of claim 16 wherein the surfactant is between 0.25 percent and 2 percent.

27. (new) The film of claim 16 wherein the surfactant is about 0.90 percent.

28. (new) The film of claim 16 wherein the surfactant is polysorbate.

29. (new) The film of claim 16 wherein the surfactant is between 11 and 21 percent.

30. (new) The film of claim 16 wherein the surfactant is about 20 percent.

31. (new) The film of claim 30 wherein the sweetener is corn syrup.

32. (new) The film of claim 16 wherein the viscosity/texture modifier is a gum.

33. (new) A film for applying to a rim of a beverage container comprising an edible lipophilic and hydrophilic composition including at least one of a surfactant and a texture/viscosity modifier.

34. (new) The film of claim 33 wherein the composition includes an aqueous solution of a sweetener, a surfactant and an alcohol.

35. (new) The film of claim 34 wherein the surfactant is between 0.25 percent and 21 percent.

36. (new) The film of claim 33 wherein the composition includes a solution of water and at least one oil selected from the group of sunflower, safflower, canola, soybean and coconut oils.

37. (new) The film of claim 36 wherein the composition includes a solution of water and at least one oil selected from the group of sunflower, safflower, canola, soybean and coconut oils.

38. (new) The film of claim 36 further including citric acid.

39. (new) A film for applying to a rim of a beverage container comprising an edible lipophilic and hydrophilic composition including a surfactant and at least one of sugar and corn syrup in an aqueous solution.

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